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FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 1234 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN  
CAIRO DAMASCUS TEL AVIV USUN NEW YORK MAR 08.  
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1234

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNRWA, LE

SUBJ: LIAISON WITH UNRWA

REF: A) BEIRUT 1139, B) BEIRUT 1155

1. UNCOMMISSIONER GENERAL MEELHINEY HAS INFORMED US THAT NOW THAT UNRWA HEADQUARTERS HAVE MOVED TO BEIRUT FROM VIENNA HE WILL EXPECT TO DO MOST OF HIS LIAISON WITH THE USG THROUGH THIS EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN THE PAST THE LIAISON FUNCTION WAS PERFORMED BY AN OFFICER IN THE POLITICAL SECTION. JIM YELLIN OF THAT SECTION HAS HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL. ASSUMING THERE IS NOT A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE FLOW OF MATERIAL AND REQUESTS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON AND INTERESTED EMBASSIES, WE CAN MANAGE IT WITH OUR PRESENT STAFF. SINCE I HAVE NO INTENTION OF INCREASING STAFFING, IF THE LOAD GETS TO BE TOO MUCH, SOME OTHER MEANS OF LIAISON WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND.

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2. AN EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF MESSAGE MCELHINEY WILL BE PASSING THROUGH US IS THE TELEGRAM GIVING BACKGROUND ON UNRWA'S FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR IO'S USE IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY (REF A). HE NOW REPORTS THAT THE FIRST REACTION FROM JORDAN REGARDING THE REDUCED FLOUR RATION IS IN THE FORM OF A LETTER ASKING UNRWA NOT TO MAKE THE REDUCTION BUT NOT PROPOSING AN ALTERNATIVE OR MAKING THREATS.

3. HE ALSO REPORTS THAT LEBANESE AREA DIRECTOR PREVOT HAS INFORMED INTERIOR MINISTER SALMAN THAT THE BISSARIYAH RESETTLEMENT PROJECT WILL COST TWICE AS MUCH MONEY AS UNRWA HAS ON HAND AND THAT THEY ARE ONLY GOING TO CARRY OUT LIMITED CONSTRUCTION UNLESS THEY GET MORE MONEY (REF B). SALMAN HAS PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO GET THEM SOME MORE. PARKER UNQUOTE VANCE

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